



Year R Newsletter Summer 1 2022

Dear Parents,

The Early Years team are, as always, extremely impressed with the progress that all the children are making. As we now move into the Summer Term, we would like to express the importance of independence this half term. Throughout the Autumn and Spring term we have encouraged children to become more independent learners, this includes changing, toileting, making decisions and following routines. In the Summer term we begin to think about how the children will transition into Year 1 and independence is key.

This half term we will also be placing greater importance on the children's reading, writing and mathematical skills. It is vital that the children know and are using their sounds when writing, as well as in their reading. In maths we are looking for confidence with numbers to 20, as well as a good understanding of pattern, number sequences and shapes. Where possible we ask that you encourage your children's learning at home, to nurture and extend what they are learning whilst at school. We will continue to provide a weekly newsletter, detailing the learning that has taken place each week. If you have any questions about how best to support your child's learning, please come and speak with one of the Reception teachers.

Kind regards, the Reception Team

Notices

- As we move into the Summer term and children begin wearing their summer uniform, we remind you of the importance of naming the children's clothes, to ensure items can be returned, if misplaced.
- As the weather becomes warmer, we remind you of the importance of skin care and the use of sun cream, children can keep their own sun cream in school. They will be guided to apply their sun cream however they will need to do this independently.
- We are low on socks, tights, underwear and spare clothes. If you have any spare items at home, they will be greatly appreciated.
- Please can you ensure that PE kits are in school every Friday, for our weekly PE session.

Thank you.

Attendance Percentages for Reception

The first few years are probably the most important education that your child will ever receive. All the building blocks for the rest of their education are started in these early years. As an Academy, we have a very strict Attendance Policy with every child having an attendance target of 97.5%.

Robin: 95%

Wren: 94%

Target: 97.5%

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During this term, the children are carrying on with developing their social skills, learning about their emotions and promoting kindness in the classroom and playground. This shall be achieved by the use of stories, class discussion and roleplay.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we are transforming our role play areas into a doctor's surgery and a farm shop, outside we will be creating bus and train stations. This will encourage the children to use their creative arts and design.

We will continue to provide the children with playdough, paints, collage materials and a range of colours for them to create pieces of art that will reflect each week's theme. In the outdoor area the children enjoy mixing colours in the potion station and with the warmer weather will use dressing up clothes and the stage to perform.

Understanding of the World

This half term we will continue to develop our growing garden and bee and bug hotel outside. We will be learning about how living things grow and change and this will link closely with our growing garden. We will look closely at how living things change over time, using past present and future language to express ourselves. We hope to take a trip out to the country park and hopefully the school allotment to experience growing in the local community.

Mathematics

This half term, the children will be continuing with addition and subtraction, the use of number lines, and unifix cubes will be used to support them when trying to find one or two more than/less than. The children will also be learning how to use a clock to measure short periods of time and use money to compare quantities and the price of everyday objects.

Communication and Language

We are extending the children's language by developing our philosophy for children, encouraging the children to have hypothetical discussions and to express their reasons for and against ideas. This encourages the children to explain their knowledge and to give reasons for their answers. This works by asking a question, the children make a decision and then explain their answers.

I've learnt about animals, but how do they grow and what other things grow?



Literacy

We are very impressed with the children's writing and will be encouraging children to focus on their presentation this half term.

This half term we will also be continuing with our Monster Phonics groups, with a greater focus on the children's comprehension skills and understanding of what they have read.

Physical Development

Wren and Robin's PE continues to be on a Friday. The children will be focussing on ball skills this half term, looking at sports such as cricket, football and basketball. We open the outdoor area at 9.30am to allow children to move freely and use the range of available resources. The children will be focussing on setting up equipment and resources to promote their safety awareness.

Reception Team

Robin Class

Phase lead/ Teacher: Mrs Carew

TA: Miss Sarah

1:1 TA Miss Prosper

Wren Class

Teacher: Mrs Saftoiu

TA: Miss Jones